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School of Allied Health Professions
School of Graduate Studies
School of Medicine in Shreveport

COMMENCEMENT

Strand Theatre
10:00 A.M., Saturday, August 19, 2000

PROGRAM

*"The audience is requested to remain seated until
the academic procession is complete"*

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LSU Health Sciences Center
2000
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Hanne Anderson

Department: Microbiology and Immunology

Major Professor: Stephen R. Jennings, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: "Characterization of the Antigen-specific CD8 T Cell Population
Generated in Response to Acute Cutaneous *Herpes simplex* Virus
Type I Infection in C57BL/6 Mice"

Megan D. Austin[†]

Department: Microbiology and Immunology

Major Professor: Kenneth M. Peterson, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: "Characterization of a ToxR Regulated Chemotaxis System
Used by *Vibrio cholerae* to Enhance Intestinal Colonization"

Robert J. DeFatta

Department: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Arrigo D. DeBenedetti, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: "The Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor (eIF) 4E
During Cancer Progression and as a Target for Cancer Gene Therapy"

Robert R. Langley

Department: Molecular and Cellular Physiology

Major Professor: D. Neil Granger, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: "Expression of Endothelial Cell Adhesion Molecules
in the Microcirculation of Solid and Metastasizing Tumors"

Guglielmo M. Venturi

Department: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Kelly Tatchell, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: "Genetic and Functional Analysis of two PP-1-Related Protein
Phosphatases in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*"

Xin Yu[†]

Department: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Eric A. First, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: "Transition State Stabilization for the Transfer of Tyrosine
to tRNA^{Tyr} by Tyrosyl-tRNA Synthetase"

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Carmen Lee Gremillion[†]

Pharmacology and Therapeutics

Major Professor - James O'Donnell, Ph.D.

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MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

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Richard Louis Thomas[†]
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Ruth Ann Graper**
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Brooke Tate Lafleur***
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**MASTER OF
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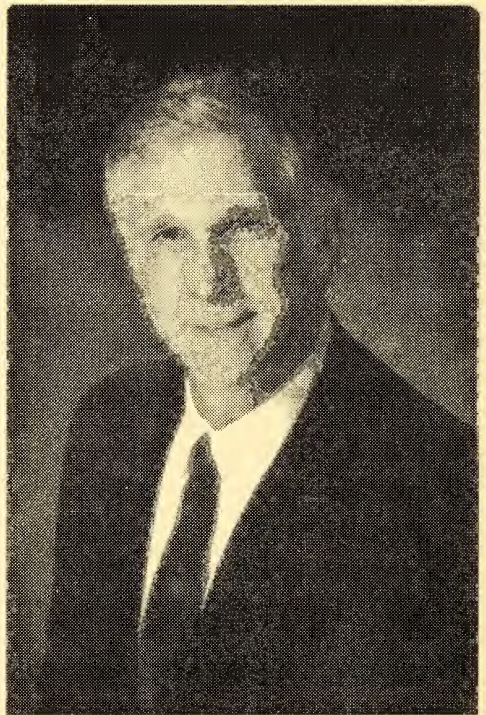
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Randy L. Ewing

Randy Ewing is a native of Jackson Parish, where he is in the land and timber business. He is a Democrat and served in the Louisiana Senate from 1988-2000. He represented the 35th Senatorial District, which is composed of Jackson Parish and parts of Lincoln, Ouachita and Union Parishes. He served as President of the Louisiana Senate his last term in office. Senator Ewing decided not to seek re-election to the Louisiana Senate.



During his legislative career, Senator Ewing was closely identified with the reform movement in the legislature. A fiscal conservative, he led the fight to curb state spending and to make Louisiana live within its means. He worked to pass major anti-drug and government ethics legislation and to provide support for our senior citizens. A strong advocate for children and children's issues, he was considered one of the strongest proponents for education. Senator Ewing was instrumental in dedicating a major portion of the Tobacco Settlement for education and children's health programs.

Last year, Senator Ewing was inducted into the "Hall of Distinction" of the E.J. Ourso College of Business Administration at Louisiana State University. He is a Past-President of the Louisiana Forestry Association and Past-Chairman of the Louisiana Forestry Commission. Since his retirement from the Louisiana Legislature, Senator Ewing has served as chairman of the Council for a Better Louisiana's "Children in Poverty" initiative and was asked by the Louisiana Law Institute to chair their Tax Study Commission.

ACADEMIC HERALDRY: THE SYMBOLS OF LEARNING

The college or university commencement procession, in the United States and abroad, is a pageant, alive and bright with dress and ceremony. Its history can be traced to medieval European universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Continued recognition of the need to preserve scholarly dignity and meaning resulted in universities establishment for academic dress. American universities agreed on a standard system in 1895 and designed a suitable code for academic dress for the colleges and universities of the United States. In 1932, the American Council on Education presented a revised code which governs the style of academic dress today.

The principal features of academic dress are three: the **gown**, the **cap**, and the **hood**.

The Gown. The flowing gown originated during the twelfth century. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship. As such, it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing. It is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the Bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves for the Master's degree; and round open sleeves for the Doctor's degree. The gown worn for the Bachelor's or Master's degree has no trimmings. The gown for the Doctor's degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains. For certain institutions the official colors of the college or university may appear on the gown or its decorations.

The Cap. The freed slave in Ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap. Thus, the academic cap is a symbol denoting the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which the wearer is endowed. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as a square to symbolize the book. Other authorities claim that the cap, or "mortar board" is a symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline, although a gold tassel may be worn with a doctoral gown.

The Hood. The heraldic design of the hood symbolizes an inverted shield with one or more secondary color chevrons on the background color of the college or university. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree, and the color of the lining designates the college or university from which the degree was granted.

COLORS DISTINCTIVE OF DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONS

Dark Blue: **Philosophy**
Yellow: **Science**
Light Blue: **Education**

Green: **Medicine**
Lilac: **Dentistry**
Apricot: **Nursing**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming.
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous flight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Francis Scott Key